(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) The Government of Jammu & Kashmir, based on their initial reports, informed that Jawahar Tunnel has developed minor cracks due to the earthquake of 8th October, 2005. However, Border Roads Organisation, which is responsible for the maintenance of the Tunnel, after thoroughly checking the Jawahar Tunnel, reported that there has not been any damage to the Tunnel. The Jawahar Tunnel is operational.

Inadequate security arrangements in markets of Delhi

55. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total lives lost and the number of people who were injured in bomb blasts that rocked the Capital on the eve of Deepawali;

(b) whether it is a fact that the security arrangements at the two places *i.e.* Sarojini Nagar and Paharganj were highly inadequate due to encroachment and illegal parking which made the situation worse; and

(c) if so, the action taken against those police officers who were responsible for the security of these two places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) As per the information provided by Delhi Police, 59 persons were killed and 224 persons were injured in the three bomb blasts in the Capital on 29th October, 2005. Seven more persons have died subsequently thus taking the death toll to 66 till date.

(b) and (c) Maximum possible security arrangements/precautions had been taken by the Delhi Police. The security arrangements were also reviewed on 27th October, 2005 in a meeting of all Districts.

Assistance sought by Tamil Nadu for flood relief

56. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Tamil Nadu had demanded a sanction of total assistance of Rs. 1,120.00 crores for flood relief measures being taken by the State Government;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the State Government had demanded to depute a Central team to assess flood situation in the State; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (d) The Government of Tamil Nadu has recently submitted a Memorandum to the Government of India seeking financial assistance of Rs. 1118.67 crore on account of losses due to floods in October, 2005 in the State.

An Inter-Ministerial Central Team has been constituted for assessment of damage and requirement of funds on account of losses due to floods in the State. The Central Team has recently visited the affected areas of the State w.e.f. 17th to 20th November, 2005. Further action in the matter will be taken by the Government based on the report of the Central Team and in accordance with the laid down procedure.

Constitution of National Disaster Management Fund

57. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since finalized the constitution of National Disaster Management Fund;

(b) if so, the amount earmarked for the fund initially and that proposed to be earmarked for it annually;

(c) the number of personnel with designations assigned the job to manage and operate the fund and the system;

(d) whether any guidelines for its operation have also been finalized; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) No. Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.